

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL

HON. TREY GOWDY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in recognition of Bobby J. Cox, United States Army, and to congratulate him on his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Cox graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in 2002. As a senior he was tasked with the responsibility of leading the Corps of Cadets as the Regimental Commander and earned the distinction of a "Distinguished Military Graduate".

Whereas, upon graduation, Lieutenant Colonel Cox commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and would complete both Ranger and Airborne School. He served four combat tours in Iraq as a member of elite units; such as, the 101st Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division and the 75th Ranger Regiment of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Whereas, for his service in the Army, Lieutenant Colonel Cox was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. In addition, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for successfully leading his unit into direct contact with enemy forces.

Whereas, Bobby J. Cox continues to serve his country in the U.S. Army Reserve and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on October 18, 2017. Be it

Resolved, That I, Trey Gowdy, do congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Bobby J. Cox, his wife Joscelyn, their two children, Reagan and Seth for their unwavering commitment and continued service to our great nation and thank them for their unwavering loyalty, dedication, and contributions to the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. ALAN GOODWIN, PRINCIPAL OF WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL, BE- THESDA, MARYLAND, ON HIS RE- TIREMENT

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding educator and beloved community leader, Dr. Alan Goodwin. Dr. Goodwin currently serves as Principal of Walt

Whitman High School in Bethesda, Maryland, and is retiring after 43 years in the Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS). The people of Maryland's 8th district, especially those who live within the Walt Whitman community, will be forever grateful for Dr. Goodwin's great contributions and steadfast commitment to our students and to our community.

Dr. Goodwin began his career as an English teacher in 1975 and was immediately recognized for his ability to inspire students to challenge complacency and apathy and take charge of their own destinies. He was nominated for the prestigious Outstanding Teacher Award and led dozens of his colleagues as head of the English Department. Since leaving the classroom, Dr. Goodwin served MCPS as an assistant principal, a middle school principal, and finally principal of one of the top rated high schools in the United States, Walt Whitman, a school which honors its namesake with creativity, compassion and hard work.

Principal Goodwin has been an instrumental force in creating positive changes in the school district, thereby bringing out the very best in our students. Holding a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction and possessing decades of experience as an educator and administrator, Dr. Goodwin waved off higher administrative posts where he could have worked less and made more. Instead, he opted to stay in a role where he could maintain day-to-day interaction with his students, or as he refers to them, his "kids," stating, "they make a difference for me every day."

Principal Goodwin's unwavering dedication to his students and to his excellent teaching staff is legendary, and has resulted in multiple nominations by Bethesda Magazine as the "Best Public High School Principal."

Dr. Goodwin has seen tremendous triumphs for the Whitman community. Walt Whitman High School was routinely listed by U.S. World News and Report as one of the top high schools in the nation throughout Dr. Goodwin's tenure.

He has also led the school through difficult times, helping students, staff and community weather devastating losses and tragedies that have shaken the Viking community. Recognizing the resiliency of the community, the Whitman baseball program has dedicated its 2018 season to "Whitman Strong," a rallying cry used to bolster the school community in the wake of terrible events resulting in the loss of two students this past fall.

On the occasion of Walt Whitman High School's 2018 Baseball Program Community Night, I am honored to join Vikings Head Coach Joe Cassidy and the entire school community in paying loving tribute to Dr. Goodwin for his years of service and his profoundly passionate dedication and commitment to the students of Walt Whitman High School.

FRENCH-AMERICAN RELATIONS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as President Emmanuel Macron continues his visit to the United States, I would like to acknowledge the shared sacrifice of his nation and ours during the First World War.

President Macron graciously brought with him a sapling from the Belleau Wood, the site of the first battle in World War I where American generals commanded troops in the field. The American forces overwhelmed their adversaries and helped the Allied forces win the day. The U.S. Marines were the toast of Paris, having provided a key spark to the Allied maneuvers in the battle. The nickname they gained from their actions in battle, "Teufelhunde" or "Devil Dogs," lives on today.

Some Americans were already in France, voluntarily joining the fight to defend France and her allies. Thirty-eight American pilots formed the Lafayette Escadrille, a squadron of the French air service that saw action at the Battle of Verdun and other notable engagements of the war, and more than 200 additional Americans served in other French squadrons. Informally referred to collectively as the La Fayette Flying Corps, these American aviators voluntarily served the French people in the same spirit as the Marquis de Lafayette did for the 13 colonies in the Revolution. Many of these pilots were not much older than the 19-year-old Lafayette when he first landed on American soil yet still made a significant contribution to the defense of France in World War I.

Mr. Speaker, the United States and France have risen to each other's defense throughout history because we share the values of liberty and freedom, and we will continue to stand by our French allies in promoting these values at home and around the world.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call votes 148 and 149 Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 148 and 149.

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